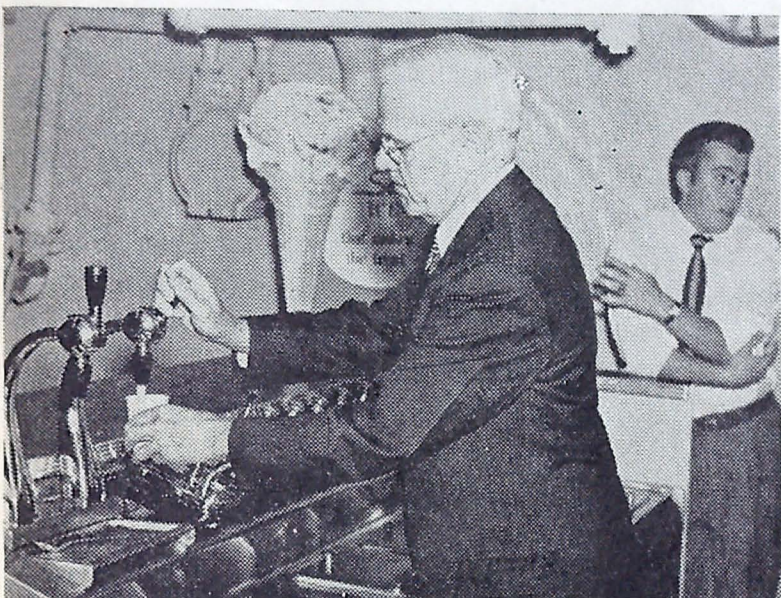


## HOME COMING SLATED FOR OCT. 14th



### Student Activity Center

Summer was over and it was the 5th of September. A slow trickle of students found their way to the registrar's office. Things looked much the same about the building and campus at first glance. Then someone walked downstairs to discover the renovation of the old workshop, lo and behold—an Activity Center! A bookstore, post office, and snack bar in one huge room. Indeed a pleasant surprise for many wide-eyed students. It was comforting to see the powers-that-be making strides to broaden the scope of the students social life in college. Upon a bit of investigation your reporter was able to uncover some interesting information. The idea of an Activity Center for the college students was not the outcome of last year's work alone, but rather a culmination of many years of thought and planning. Like all things that are worthwhile, the entire project received suggestions from many people, but one man was perhaps more influential in obtaining what we now have in the old workshop. That man is professor of economics here at college, and he now has the job of managing the Activity Center, along with his other work. His job in the Center is not financially remunerative, and the only way we can show our appre-

ciation to Mr. Fleming is to use the Center in a way that will be complimentary to the college.

As you looked about the Activities Center you saw many expensive items, and it may be that you speculated just as to whether or not the S. G. A. would have to pay for these items from the profits received in the Center. The answer is, NO. The State Department of Education has paid for everything excepting a few items such as the grill and milkshake machine. These items, of course, will be paid for by the S. G. A. This should not be a problem when the first real profits are made in the snack bar. Speaking of profits, let this sentence be devoted as a reminder to upper classmen, and a bit of information to freshmen—all profits received by S. G. A. sponsored programs are put to work for the students, and your Activities Center is S. G. A. sponsored.

The grand opening of the Activities Center was held the 25th of September. Mr. Connor, S. G. A. President, Mr. Fleming, and Dr. Blackwell gave short talks that preceded the cutting of the tape which opened business in the snack bar. In celebration a coke or a dish of ice cream was given away to all those people present in the Activity Center.

### Freshman Banquet

The Parent - Freshman - Faculty Banquet was held on Friday, September 29, 1950. The program started by the singing of "America", led by Mrs. Jessie L. Fleming. Following this, Rev. Charles Funk gave the Invocation. After dinner, group singing was led by Mrs. Fleming and the welcome was given by Dr. J. D. Blackwell.

President Blackwell then introduced the guest speaker, Mr. H. D. Thompson of the U. S. Treasury Department. Mr. Thompson spoke on "What Parents Expect of S.T.C." This was echoed by Donald Pierie, the President of the Freshman Class, who spoke on "What Freshmen Expect of the College." All the Freshmen then stood and the banquet ended with the singing of the 'Alma Mater'.

### Teaching News

Not too many years ago the elementary school teacher was considered by the public and by school officials, to be lower in rank than were the high school teachers. The situation was much the same as is the private's, who in today's army, draws less pay, and occupies a somewhat lower social position than does a sergeant. Today, however, almost without exception, all public school teachers within a given area receive the same basic pay opportunities. That is to say, a high school teacher in a given county in Maryland is paid no more than an elementary teacher is paid by that county. This has come about through the realization that the training in the lower grades is as essential as is the training in the upper grades.

The elementary school teacher is faced with the problem of working with children who are at an extremely impressionable age, and it is at this age that a child can, with proper guidance and instruction, begin the long road on the right foot. This is quite a challenge to the teacher. Unlike the teacher at the high school level, he must become a part of the child's life. It is a wonderful opportunity, for those who love children, to enjoy their work and, at the same time, realize that here is a group of children who have a good start.

Throughout the country, elementary teachers are in great demand. In Maryland, alone, it was estimated that about 750 elementary teachers would be needed in 1950-51. To meet this demand approximately 150 elementary teachers were graduated in June. Furthermore, it is estimated that in Maryland the elementary enrollments will continue to increase for quite sometime, thus causing a continual increase in the demand for teachers until in 1955-56 over 1000 replacements may be needed.

### SGA At Work

The male students of STC, who reside in the dormitory, need no longer dash hurriedly through the rain in order to enter the main building. Following a recommendation of the SGA, a passageway has been allotted them through the dining hall and social room.

The Executive Board of the SGA appointed a committee to be responsible for formulating plans to raise money for a future Foreign Scholarship Fund.

The initial allotments for the school year 1950-51 were made to the various organizations of the college. Some will receive additional funds at a later date when they are needed.

### New Home Corners

Home is where the heart is — an old proverb, but so very apt for the new home corners in the women's dormitory. The girls are taking their new living rooms very seriously. They straighten the furniture when moved out of place, empty the ash trays when full, and look forward to the friendly chats which go on all the time.

Without the furniture the home corners seemed like two vast barns devoid of beauty and lacking that final touch which gives a room character. But, thanks to Miss Black, and the cooperation of every woman student in the dormitory, they have been converted from almost nothing to two of the most comfortable and livable sections of the college.

It honestly feels wonderful to be able to make yourself at home in a room so far away from home. It is evident to everyone that this is another step of progress for the State Teachers' College.

### CLUBS OF S.T.C.

Several years ago, a desire grew up in this college for extra-curricular activities in various fields. This desire was met through the S. G. A. by the founding of many clubs and organizations to allow for the expression of special talents. With a small nucleus of already functioning clubs, the number was enlarged until it now comprises fourteen.

Considering the wide range of likes and dislikes, the following clubs were set up as official organizations of the school and financially supported by the S. G. A.

The Athletic Association sponsors the athletic activities of the school by supporting two branches—a Men's Association and a Women's Association.

One of the older surviving organizations of the school, the Bag-lean-Carnean Society, provides an opportunity for free discussion of the contemporary local, national, and international problems.

Along with this organization, another one survives which is in many respects one of the most important on the Campus. This is the Christian Association which has charge of the religious activities of the school. Weekly vespers, planned and carried out by the students are held each Sunday evening at six p. m.

To meet the need of those student who were skilled in the finer arts, the College Chorus was continued and two new organizations,

Homecoming this year will be on Saturday, October 14. Registration is at 2:30, followed by a tea in the Social room from 3:00 to 4:00. A special anniversary cake will be served, and there will be silver prizes, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the college.

Following the tea, there will be guided tours through the college activities' center, reconditioned lounges, and the men's dormitory. Movies on the history of S. T. C., will be shown in the little theatre by Dr. Matthews after the tour.

As yet there is no soccer game scheduled for homecoming, but Coach Maggs is still trying to get one.

Dinner will be served at 5:45, and an elaborate program has been planned by the hospitality committee. There will be a dance at 7:00 in the college activities center, sponsored by the S. G. A. At 8:00 a pageant will be put on in the auditorium entitled "Events at S. T. C.," bringing to a close this year's Homecoming Day.

### New Faces

The establishment of a new department, brings geographer Kenneth R. Martin to the faculty of S.T.C.

Mr. Martin, a Baltimorean, is a graduate of Towson High School and Towson State Teacher's College. He served for three and a half years in the Army Air Corps. He was a radar instructor and served in the communications department on a troop transport.

The past two years, Mr. Martin was a graduate instructor at the University of Wisconsin. He has made favorable comments on the school and the Shore. We all hope that Mr. Martin will enjoy his work at S.T.C.

Miss Margaret Addis, a graduate of Smith College, is the new fourth grade teacher in the demonstration school. After receiving her B.A. degree, she completed the requirements for a Master's degree in education at Stanford University.

She comes to us with teaching experience from Santa Maria, California.

Miss Addis is very enthusiastic about the Eastern Shore, and is spending her spare moments raising chickens.

Mrs. Gavin, the new hostess for the Snack Bar, is not actually a stranger in STC. Her son attended the Campus Elementary School and her daughter-in-law, STC. Born in Salisbury, Mrs. Gavin taught the seventh grade on Chestnut Street. In recent years she has been supervisor of the snack bar at the Maryland Inn at Ocean City.

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the Cosmophonic Society and the Art Klub, were added.

The College Chorus, consisting of both men and women, has as its purpose the development of those aesthetic principles which surround the artistic expression of the voice and the development of ability.

For those who would rather listen to music than sing it, the Cosmophonic Society gives the students the opportunity to hear and participate in programs of all types of music.

Students interested in art should find the Art Klub an interesting organization to belong to. Its purpose is to publicize school activities with posters, to aid in the decorations for dances whenever called upon, and to give all students interested in art an opportunity to participate in an extracurricular activity.

The Future Teachers of America, one of the most important bodies in a State Teachers College, is also one of our newest additions. This group has three main ideas to put over to its members. First, to acquaint future teachers with the fundamentals of the organized teaching profession; second, providing teachers in training with practical experience; and last, instilling in their minds that they have chosen one of the finest and most honorable professions.

The Photography Club provides the students of this college with an opportunity to display their abilities with a camera and their skill in a photographic darkroom. Good darkroom facilities are available for all those interested.

The Day and Dorm associations work together to promote wider acquaintance and friendship among the members of the faculty and the student body.

The Publications Staff, now publishing both The Holly Leaf and The Evergreen, is an important part of the college life as it records the life and activities of the campus. Several issues of the school paper are printed each year along with the year book, which sums up the year's activities.

Last, but far from being least, is the Sophanes Players. This group is the dramatic organization of the college. This year they are planning a major production, several radio shows, and one or two special events.

All in all, this program of clubs is one of the best things possible on the college campus as it serves the purpose of complete and varied life. One thing is certain—without it there would be very little school spirit.

**SPOTLIGHTING STUDENTS**  
**LEON CONNER**

What a great deal an inspiring teacher can do toward molding a person's life! For instance, in Greensboro, Maryland, a young man, greatly inspired by his seventh grade teacher, decided to make teaching his career. In 1939, Mr. Leon Conner, leaving his parents and younger brother in Greensboro, came to Salisbury, signed his name on the registration card, and began the preparation toward his life's work.

But Mr. Conner had obstacles to overcome. After completing his Freshman year, he was forced by financial circumstances to go to work in order to finish his education. He worked for the DuPont Company for two years before the Navy caught him up.

During his naval career, he journeyed from Alaska to the Pacific Islands, Australia, Central and South America, as well as all over America. Of all the places he has been, Leon says he would most like to go back to Hawaii—for a vacation, of course.

After leaving the service in 1945, Leon, as most other young servicemen, was upset — didn't know just what he wanted; so he went to work. Eventually he realized he wanted to come back to Salisbury, for teaching is an inspiring profession with good pay and pleasant working conditions. In 1948, he came back to the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Conner, now a Senior in teacher training in the field of social studies, was elected president of the Student Government Association for the year 1950-51. We place a great deal of trust in Mr. Conner.

Leon has no definite future plans, but having two more years coming on the G. I. Bill, he would like to continue his study in the summer months for his masters degree—if the navy does not interfere — a serious apprehension in all our minds.

When he leaves S. T. C., he will be equipped to teach junior high, but Leon would like eventually to teach college courses, for there is "more opportunity to speak to students on a more adult level." Leon envies Dr. Thomas; she has an ideal situation—lives across the street from the college and teaches history.

Leon has no desire to become a famous man; he just wants to teach history on the Del-Mar-Va peninsula and to have a comfortable home and a happy family life.

**Traditional Rat Week At STC**



**Sophanes Players Meet**

The Sophanes Players met for the first time this year on Tuesday evening, Sept. 12, for the purpose of enrolling new members and to discuss tentative production plans for the current year. These plans include the Silver Anniversary Pageant, two radio productions, one major production, and possibly one or two minor productions for presentation to the school body at regular assembly programs.

An impressive turn out of membership shows immediate promise of many fine performances. Among the 35 members present, seven represent the senior class, eight Juniors have enrolled, 14 Sophomores have signed, and six Freshmen were welcomed into the organization.

Minor officers were elected during the business meeting. They are as follows: James Wilson, vice-president; Jean Maxwell, secretary; and Jack Willis, treasurer. Joseph Udovich and Catherine Widdowson were appointed Co-chairmen of the Board of Directors and immediately began rounding out their committee of seven in order to choose the script for this year's major production. Casting for this selection is expected to begin about October 1st.

Students interested in becoming active members in the Sophanes Players, and who have failed to enroll to date, may do so by contacting Miss Jean Maxwell, secretary, prior to October 15th.

By the way, I see that most of the Freshmen survived rat week. I wonder however, if the day student that Dick David thrilled beyond expression is back to earth yet?

**Through The Keyhole**

Hello Everyone!  
This is your Snoopy reporter reporting to you all the little going on's around our campus.

First I guess we had better catch up with Cupid and his many summer weddings. The first thing I heard when I arrived back was: "Have you heard that this one is married?", or "Did you know so and so was married?" I began to wonder if I wasn't married myself. Well, here they are in black and white.

Barbara Pugh became Mrs. Douglas Bloodworth and both are back in school. And fellows, you had better leave Polly Downing Walston and Jessie Horner Overton alone. Jessie certainly did pull a neat trick in the dorm last year. That was quite a party March 31st! Wasn't it? And girls, don't get too near Bill Phoebus, he was finally dragged to the altar in August. And "Unc" Guy Whidden walked up the aisle, but Judy must not trust him because she is here at school, too.

Not only has Cupid performed marriages, but, Helen Shepherd is engaged and I hear that Gene Lilley is making plans for marriage. Also, Charlotte Bowen and Pat Duffy have diamonds on their left hands. It seems that Dixon and Jack must have made plenty of money this summer.

But what happened to these? They're still all just going steady. Polly Bradford is still getting her many phone calls from Lou Seidel. It seems to me that they are going to run out of something to say before too long. Lois and Jim, Billie and Frank, Catherine and Joe, Jean Burns and Jack Willis, Mary Ruth and Leon, Millie and Les, and Ned and Betty all still have their places reserved in the social room.

However, it looks as if these old couples will be pushed around by these. Mildred Candy has been seen many places with Donnie Reed. Also, it looks as if Lloyd Fry and "Stu" Harrison have been bitten by girls in the freshman class. How about it, Kathleen and Jayne?

By the way, everyone but "Arch-ie" seems to know that Peggy is still going steady with Bobby.

It looks as if another sophomore boy likes a certain freshman girl that is going steady. You had better watch your step, Paul L.

It seems, also, that S.T.C. has more attractions for Bill Lennin than Maryland University. It couldn't be Sue, could it, Bill?

A note to old students, Bessie Lynch has visited school many times this year but as Mrs. Lee Jenkins of Fruitland. Her side-kick Libbie is still Libbie Truitt, and I understand she is really missed, especially in the dorm.

Speaking of the dorm, the other day I noticed that boys were in the dorm. I wondered if the dorm was co-ed, but found out the girls were just showing off their lovely home corners. Miss Black and her helpers really did a bang-up job on them.

Well, that's about all of interest to anyone at this time. Be seeing you all next month.

Snoopy

**STC Soccer Team Takes Shape**



Life at S.T.C. is fast returning to a normal pace, now that school has been in progress for almost a month. The crisp fall air is filled with all the noises that accompanies a happy group of collegians as they go to classes. Something else is in the air, too. By now, you have surely heard the shrill toot of the referee's whistle and Coach Magg's familiar cry, "Keep that toe down" coming from the vicinity of the soccer field.

Yes, soccer practice is in full swing as Mr. Maggs again attempts to bring a winner to our Alma Mater. In years past, the ability of the soccer team to win most of its games has caused that sport to capture the athletic spotlight here at S.T.C. This year is no exception, and all eyes turn to the practice field, where Coach Maggs is trying to blend the remnants of last year's varsity team with the best of the freshmen squad from last year and some newcomers who show promise, into a combination that will mean another winning season.

A lot of faces will be missing from the 1949 team that put a 5 won 2 lost 2 tied record into the books. Graduation claimed Clarke Cugler, last year's captain, ace penalty shooter, and an honorable mention receiver on the all state

squad. Along with him went Norman Moore, and Walt Potter, the ole reliables of the backfield and Levon Heath, a speedy wing. The Marines asked the services of Spuck Bennett, ever-hustling handy-man, and Leon Conner, Frank Potter, Dixon Shahan, and Bob Travers have decided against another varsity season due to academic reasons.

Despite these losses the 1950 team shows promise because of a number of experienced men who will be back. Coach Maggs can place an all veteran line on the field. At left wing is Hicks Brinsfield, last year's leading scorer and an all-Maryland second team man. Jack Nichols and Dick David have both seen plenty of action at the inside spots, as has Evert Fuller, the probable center forward. Ned Forsythe and Don Reed will probably share the right wing position. Both saw limited action last season. Also expecting to see action are Lloyd Walstrum, a 1948 varsity man, and Bob Coleburn, Dave Sentman and Junior Walls, all newcomers to varsity spangles.

The backfield candidates are tapped by Gene Lilley, another all-state honorable mention receiver, and Marion Parker, both of whom were first stringers. Others back

**Soccer Schedule**

October 6 — Towson — Away  
October 13 — Pending  
October 20 — Wesley — Away  
October 25 — Am. U. — Away  
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I was late returning to school this year due to an attempt to take my life in Ocean City. It seems one day a Florida Hurricane left the ocean in such a state that it offered a challenge to my seamanship. Besides, it was my turn to attract attention while my buddies made the acquaintance of any girls who might stop to notice the idiot in the water. While speeding through space on the crest of a 20 foot breaker, with my best smile hanging out, I noticed my friends were making time with a blanket full of the fair sect. (I can't say sex.) Then all was dark. I woke to find my remains scattered over a 12 foot jetty where I had come to rest. Piecing my skull together I called to my buddies. However, they seemed to sense that my exhibition was at a finis and had left, with the girls, for the happy hunting ground. As I crawled up the beach I smiled my thanks to the lifeguard, who held the little children back while I washed up on the shore. The doctor was wonderful too, so encouraging and confiding. He assured me I'd be all right because, and I quote, "Anyone whose intelligence permits him to go in the ocean on a day like this could probably bang his head on every jetty on the beach with no ill effects", he then laughed ironically. His flattery was too much. A toothless smile lit up my blood-soaked face and I blushed becomingly. With his tape, bandage and cross-cut saw he repaired the damage until I looked the same as before. (Something for which I'll never forgive him.) Cheerily I got out of my wet clothes and into a Dry Martini.

When I returned to school and gazed at my Alma Mater, the protoplasm in my chest filled with droplings of pride. How lucky I am to be able to attend this great school and not have to go to Korea. When Mr. Betts told me I was to room with my hero, Evert Fuller, the honor was more than I could bear. I didn't trust myself to speak. Instead I nuzzled against his sleeve. "There, there, you deserve it," he chided gently. Skipping merrily to my room I heard fanatic screams of joy piercing the smell of fresh paint and unused radiators. Jim Wilson is reading his article again, I thought. For those of you who are new students I'd like to give a quick description of James, so you'll be able to avoid him. He writes for this paper, but I should think that if a writer doesn't strike oil in his first 10 attempts he should stop boring. He spends most of his time telling stories he doesn't remember to people that have heard them. You can see him in the halls taking notes on his tongue of witty sayings he heard in a conversation. Physically he weights about 200 lbs. including his bridgework and 10 volumes of Joe Miller under each arm. His face, which is receding, hangs down from his hair and buttons on his Adam's apple.



Yesterday I'm sitting in the snack bar drinking my plasma (coffee to you) and quietly minding everybody else's business, when Dick David glides up. "What do you think about the freshmen?" the right corner of his mouth asks. "Please, I'm eating!" I bellowed. Just then a freshman came up and asked if they served wild duck. Dick said, "No, but I'll catch you a tame one and irritate it for you." Quite a boy, that David. He has every joke book from Joe Miller to MEIN KAMPF. I asked the freshman if he couldn't eat carrots instead. He wanted to know why. I said, "Because they're good for your eyes. You never saw a..."

Just then David interrupted me and said, "You never saw a rabbit wearing glasses did you?" He took the words right out of my mouth, which is very unsanitary. Dick's a good fellow in his own way, but he keeps getting in mine. I don't know what I'd do without him, but I'd rather.

Right now though, I think it's time we welcome all the freshmen to our institution which used to be a normal school. First of all you will have many wonderful times here at the land of the midnight sons. You'll love the soccer games. You'll meet the halfback at the gate. You give him your ticket, he tears it, and gives you halfback.

Even with all of these activities you still have wonderful subjects; ones that you will really like. (That last line sounded as phony as an Admiral.) Yes, you will have government where you can learn about Ala Baba and the Forty Thieves. And all about the WAYS TO BE MEAN COMMITTEE. And civil service. (That's what you get in restaurants between wars.) And you will have biology where you will find that the birds and bees tell their children about Errol Flynn. And in history you will discover that Romeo was the first man to say, "I have a lady in the balcony." In math you'll learn that the shortest distance between two dates is a good line. In Spanish you'll hear about Pan-American Day. That's when the other countries get together and pan America. In French you'll learn a lot. In Music you'll go through Bach to Beethoven and Bach again. In physics you learn that what goes up, must come down — except prices. And in another subject you'll discover that philosophy is the study that enables a man to be unhappy more intelligently. However, to learn all of this, remember you will have to work harder than a handkerchief in a Bette Davis movie. Bye now!

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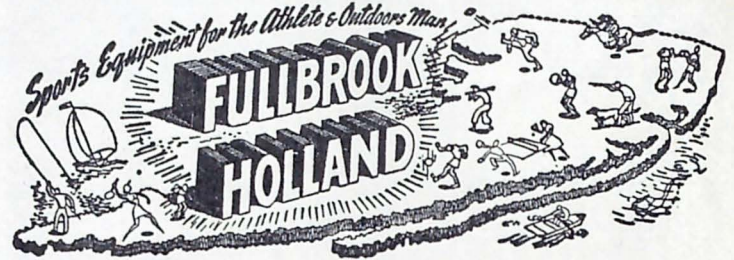
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